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PROLIFERATION OF ENDOMETRIAL TISSUE, CHRONIC PELVIC PAIN AND  
FALLOPIAN TUBE OBSTRUCTION

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Sir:

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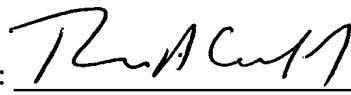
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